

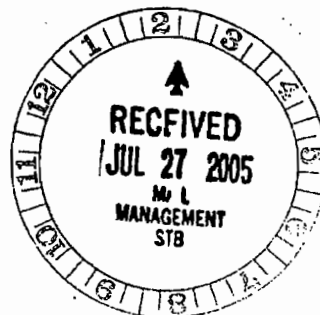
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July 27, 2005

HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption
-- Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Recently, we received responses from several of the agencies we consulted with in regards to Kansas City Southern Railroad's (KCSR) proposed abandonment of 1.12 miles of railroad track located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48 (approximately 200 feet south of Vine Street) to milepost 49.60 (slightly south of Gaisser Street). I enclose the original letters received from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Coastal Zone Management Division for the State of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology for inclusion in the Surface Transportation Board's database.

If you have any questions concerning these letters, please contact William A. Mullins, counsel for KCSR by telephone at (202) 663-7823, by e-mail at wmullins@bakerandmiller.com, or by mail at the address shown above.

Sincerely,

Crystal M. Zorbaugh
Legal Assistant

Enclosures

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June 29, 2005

Office of Cultural Development
Louisiana Division of Archaeology
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
P.O. Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4247

Date: 7-21-05

No known archaeological sites or historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux:

Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --*
Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, La
STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)

Dear Sir or Madame:

On or about July 22, 2005, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 1.12 miles of railroad track located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48 (approximately 200 feet south of Vine Street) to milepost 49.60 (slightly south of Gaisser Street) (the "Line"). The Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 71075. Enclosed is an Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545 and refer to STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X).

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the SEA (at the address provided in the above paragraph) along with a copy to KCSR's representative (at the address provided in the paragraph below) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF COASTAL RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT

July 20, 2005

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RE: **C20050390, Coastal Zone Consistency**
Kansas City Southern Railway Company
Federal License or Permit
Abandonment of 1.12 miles of railroad track in Sprighill, Webster Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Mullins:

The above referenced project has been reviewed for consistency with the approved Louisiana Coastal Resource Program (LCRP) as required by Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. It has been determined that the captioned project falls outside the Coastal Zone and has no significant effects on the Coastal Zone. The project, therefore, requires no formal consistency review and this Department has no objection.

If you have any questions concerning this determination please contact Brian Marcks of the Consistency Section at (225)342-7939 or 1-800-267-4019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David W. Frugé".
David W. Frugé
Administrator

DWF/JDH/bgm

cc: Fred Dunham, LDWF
Environmental Analysis Section, Surface Transportation Board



State of Louisiana

Department of Environmental Quality



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July 19, 2005

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RE: DEQ0607120006; STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X); The
Kansas City Southern Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption-
Line in Springhill; Webster Parish
Proposed Abandonment of 1.12 Miles of Railroad Track

Dear Mr. Mullins:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

There were no objections based on the limited information submitted to us. However, the following comments have been included and/or attached. Should you encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, please make the appropriate notification to this Department.

The Office of Environmental Services recommends that you investigate the following requirements that may influence your proposed project:

1. If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System application may be necessary.
2. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact Yvonne Baker at (225) 219-3111 to determine if your proposed improvements require one of these permits.
3. All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities.
4. If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps to inquire about the possible necessity for permits. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a Water Quality Certification from LDEQ.
5. All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region (SEE ATTACHMENT).



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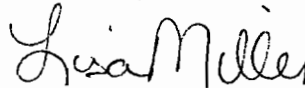


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Currently, Webster Parish is classified as an attainment parish with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all criteria air pollutants.

Please forward all future requests to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Management and Finance, Contracts & Grants, P. O. Box 4303, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4303, and we will expedite your request as quickly as possible. Should you need any additional information please call me at (225) 219-3815.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Miller".

Lisa L. Miller
Contracts & Grants

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Enclosure